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This report contains the results from the *2015 December Agricultural Survey, Rice Stocks, and Grain Stocks Surveys*. The data are also posted on our web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

2015 Arkansas Crop Production Annual Summary

Corn: Area harvested for grain is 445,000 acres, down 16 percent from 2014. The average yield is estimated at 181 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from last year’s record high for the state. Production totaled 80.5 million bushels, down 19 percent from 2014.

Cotton: All cotton harvested acres is 205,000 acres, down 38 percent from 2014 and the lowest harvested acres in Arkansas’ history. All cotton is expected to average 1,112 pounds per acre, down 33 pounds per acre from 2014. Production is forecast at 475,000 bales, down 40 percent from 2014.

All Hay: All hay harvested is 1,125,000 acres, down 8 percent from 2014. The average yield is estimated at 2.00 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton per acre from last year. Production totaled 2.25 million tons, down 8 percent from 2014.

Rice: All rice acres harvested is 1.29 million acres, down 13 percent from 2014. The all rice average yield is estimated at 7,340 pounds per acre, down 220 pounds from last year’s record high yield. Production totaled 94.3 million hundredweight, down 16 percent from 2014.

Sorghum: Area harvested for grain is 440,000 acres, up 167 percent from 2014 and the highest harvested acres since 1992. The average yield is estimated at 98 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last year. Production totaled 43.1 million bushels, up 169 percent from 2014.

Soybeans: Area harvested for soybeans is 3.17 million acres, down 1 percent from 2014. The average yield is estimated at 49 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last year’s record high for the state. Production totaled 155 million bushels, down 2 percent from 2014.

Sweet Potatoes: Area harvested for sweet potatoes is 3,800 acres, down 3 percent from 2014. The average yield is estimated at 195 hundredweight per acre, down 5 hundredweight per acre from 2014. Production totaled 741,000 hundredweight, down 5 percent from 2014.

Winter Wheat: Area seeded to winter wheat is forecasted to decrease 34 percent from the previous year to 230,000 acres.

Principal Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and United States 2014-2015

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	bushels	530	445	187*	181	99,110	80,545
Cotton, All	¹	330	205**	1,145*	1,112	787	475
Hay, All	tons	1,225	1,125	2.01	2.00	2,458	2,254
Alfalfa	tons	5**	5**	3.60*	2.70	18	14**
Other	tons	1,220	1,120	2.00	2.00	2,440	2,240
Rice, All	²	1,480	1,286	7,560*	7,340	111,957	94,341
Long Grain	²	1,265	1,045	7,570*	7,380	95,761	77,121
Medium Grain	²	214	240	7,540	7,150	16,136	17,160
Sorghum for Grain	bushels	165	440	97	98	16,005	43,120
Soybeans for Beans	bushels	3,200	3,170	49.5*	49.0	158,400*	155,330
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	3.9	3.8	200*	195	780*	741
United States							
Corn for Grain	bushels	83,136	80,749	171.0*	168.4	14,215,532*	13,601,198
Cotton, All	¹	9,346.8	8,076.9	838	769	16,319.4	12,943.0
Hay, All	tons	57,062	54,437	2.45	2.47	139,923	134,388
Alfalfa	tons	18,395	17,778	3.34	3.32	61,451	58,974
Other	tons	38,667	36,659	2.03	2.06	78,472	75,414
Peanuts	pounds	1,322.5	1,568.0	3,923	3,963	5,188,665	6,213,790
Rice, All	²	2,933	2,575	7,576	7,470	222,215	192,343
Long Grain	²	2,196	1,843	7,407	7,218	162,665	133,032
Medium Grain	²	700	695	8,175	8,155	57,222	56,677
Sorghum for Grain	bushels	6,401	7,851	67.6	76.0*	432,575	596,571
Soybeans for Beans	bushels	82,591	81,849	47.5	48.0*	3,927,090	3,929,885
Sugarcane (Sugar & Seed)	net tons	868.5	892.7	35.0	36.5	30,424	32,549
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	135.2	153.1	219	203	29,584	31,016

* Record high.

** Record low.

¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

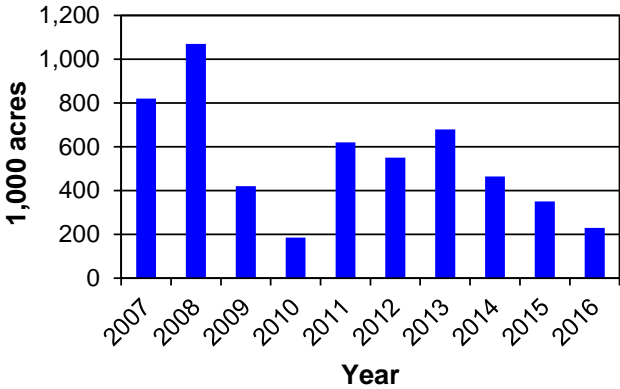
² Rice yield in pounds per acre, production in hundredweight (cwt).

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded
Delta Region, Top 5 States, and U.S., 2015-2016

State	2015	2016	2016/2015
	1,000 acres		Percent
Arkansas*	350	230	66
Colorado	2,400	2,250	94
Kansas	9,200	8,500	92
Louisiana*	110	50	45
Mississippi*	150	100	67
Montana	2,350	2,250	96
Oklahoma	5,300	4,900	92
Texas	6,000	5,300	88
U.S.	39,461	36,609	93

* Delta Region

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded
Arkansas, 2007-2016



December 1 Rice, Grain and Hay Stocks

Rice: Stocks by Position, Selected States and U.S., December 1, 2014-2015

Class & State	On Farms		Off Farms ¹		Total, All Positions		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2015/2014
Rough Rice	1,000 Cwt.						
Arkansas	22,500	21,000	51,622	48,916	74,122	69,916	94
California	3,415	3,220	36,001	35,147	39,416	38,367	97
Louisiana	11,100	10,800	9,578	7,774	20,678	18,574	90
Mississippi	4,000	2,800	2,100	1,813	6,100	4,613	76
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	8,842	7,278	82
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	8,768	6,301	72
United States	47,865	43,245	110,061	101,804	157,926	145,049	92
Milled Rice	1,000 Cwt.						
Arkansas	-	-	1,714	2,227	1,714	2,227	130
California	-	-	2,490	2,196	2,490	2,196	88
Louisiana	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	-	-	547	754	547	754	138
United States	-	-	5,646	6,245	5,646	6,245	111

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.
(D) Included in United States inventories to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Grain, Soybean, and Hay: Stocks by Position, Arkansas and U.S., December 1, 2014-2015

Crop	On Farms		Off Farms ¹		Total, All Positions		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2015/2014
Arkansas	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>						
Corn ²	-	-	27,309	18,351	-	-	-
Oats ²	-	-	(D)	171	-	-	-
Sorghum ²	-	-	808	(D)	-	-	-
Soybeans ²	-	-	32,170	32,928	-	-	-
Wheat, All	150	100	11,421	5,923	11,571	6,023	52
Hay, All ³	<i>1,000 Tons</i>						85
	2,050	1,750					
United States	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>						
Corn	7,087,000	6,829,000	4,124,380	4,382,605	11,211,380	11,211,605	100
Oats	31,300	36,750	35,670	46,135	66,970	82,885	124
Sorghum	30,500	51,500	192,094	262,628	222,594	314,128	141
Soybeans	1,218,000	1,309,500	1,309,744	1,405,317	2,527,744	2,714,817	107
Wheat, All	472,800	503,450	1,056,830	1,234,917	1,529,630	1,738,367	114
Hay, All ³	<i>1,000 Tons</i>						103
	92,052	94,993					

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.
² Only Off-Farm stocks are available.
³ Only On-Farm stocks are available for hay.
(D) Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.